

# Kilbride HERALD

*St Bride's—where Faith and Fellowship grow*

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KILLYGLEN ACCORDION ORCHESTRA**

**“Bring them back” say punters.**

**PARISH OF KILBRIDE : ST BRIDE'S CHURCH**  
*- where Faith and Fellowship grow*

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## **ST BRIDE'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS BEGIN WITH THE GRAND PLATINUM FÊTE**

**The church and grounds were bathed in sunshine for the Summer Fête held to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and a large crowd of people attended and enjoyed a number of fun activities as well as afternoon tea.**

There were stalls selling books, pastries and plants to name a few of the items available; children's games operated in abundance by our uniformed youth organisations in the back apron; hot-dog lunches disappeared rapidly from the back door of the kitchen, and the ladies were kept busy serving refreshments right from the opening of the fête until it closed at 3 o'clock.

As well as that, we had several of our classic car owners display their beautiful vehicles at the bottom of the car park. A big thank you is due to everybody who helped, as well as to those who supported the event by their presence. Very well done to all!



## **The Services at St Bride's**



**Sunday 3 July**

**Trinity 3**

11.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 10 July**

**Trinity 4**

11.00am Morning Prayer

**Sunday 17 July**

**Trinity 5**

11.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 24 July**

**Trinity 6**

11.00am Morning Prayer

**Sunday 31 July**

**Trinity 7**

11.00am Songs of Praise

**Sunday 7 August**

**Trinity 8**

11.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 14 August**

**Trinity 9**

11.00am Morning Prayer

**Sunday 21 August**

**Trinity 10**

11.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 28 August**

**Trinity 11**

11.00am Morning Prayer

**Sunday 4 September**

**Trinity 12**

11.00am Holy Communion

Just a reminder that Prayers for Healing will resume in September, but we still need the prayers of individuals over the summer months.

Holy Communion on Holy Days will also resume during the month of September. We invite those who are free during the week to join us for these holy days.

### **GOING AWAY THIS SUMMER?**

**Take the greetings of the  
people of Kilbride to the  
church you're worshipping  
in!**

# Bible Bite

## A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Luke chapter 2 verses 41 to 51

Every year Joseph and Mary went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival with their family and friends. This year Jesus was twelve.

The women and children went in front to set the pace



Next year, Jesus, you'll be walking at the back with the men.

The Passover feasting lasted eight days...



..and then they set off for home again



but without Jesus.

Mary and Joseph didn't find out until the evening



I thought he was with you!

So they walked back to Jerusalem and started searching for Jesus....



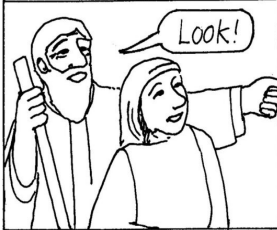
Sorry, I haven't seen him.

..and the next day,



then on the third day

they went to the temple



Look!

He was talking with the teachers.



You must be very proud of your clever son

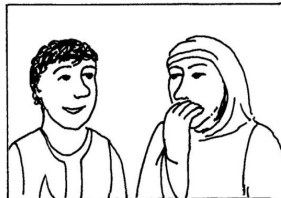


But Mary was not happy.

How could you treat your father and I like this?



Didn't you know I'd be here?



I needed to be where my birth father, God, is working.

Mary thought about this all the way home



...and all her life.

## **“KILLYGLEN” IN SUPERB MUSICAL EVENING**

**The evening was organised by Timothy Wilson, Musical Director in St Bride’s, and featured the Killyglen Accordion Orchestra supported by four young soloists, all pupils specialising in Classical and Music Theatre with the Wilson School of Music.**

We were treated to a wonderful programme from Killyglen Accordion Orchestra ranging from "Highland Cathedral" to "Run" by Snow Patrol.

Sophie Hartley sang "Westering Home" beautifully in a suitably Scottish dress followed by Caitlin Shaw who sang a very thoughtful rendition of "When she loved me" from Toy Story.



*Soloists Sophie Hartley, Caitlin Shaw,  
Ella Kilpatrick and Jasmine Mirfield.*

In the second half, Sophie sang "The Girl I mean to be" a haunting melody from The Secret Garden. Ella Kilpatrick, always oozing with theatrical flair, gave a wonderful rendition of "Little Girls" from Annie and Jasmine Mirfield finished the programme with an outstandingly mature performance of "She used to be Mine" from Waitress.

Following the concert there were some very positive feedbacks and compliments on the performances of the four young soloists.

Timothy must also be commended as he did a wonderful job as compere as well as accompanying the singers. Thanks must go to all who worked behind the scenes to provide the supper.

Everyone went away happy, and full of praise for our newly decorated parish hall.

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## **1st KILBRIDE BROWNIES**

Kilbride Brownies held their first meeting in November 1971. They were officially registered on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 1972. We have decided it would be nice to have a service of Thanksgiving for 50 years of Brownie fun and fellowship. We would love to see as many former Brownies and Leaders as possible attending along with our present Brownies. We hope to have the service in September 2022.

If you would like to attend, or if you have any photographs which we could borrow we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with me either by phone or email.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

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## **SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH THIS SUMMER**

**Many churches face the summer holidays with fear and trembling. Does that surprise you? Well, read on! Churches depend, for their financial survival, on your weekly freewill offering.**

**Often, when people go on holiday, they don't make any special arrangements to get their money to church during the weeks they're missing.**

**Unfortunately, during the summer months, the bills still come in, and we sometimes run much closer to the wire than is good for the health of the Select Vestry members!**

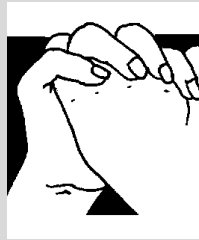
**If you could keep this in mind, particularly if you're going on a long holiday, your church would be ever so grateful!**

**Of course, if you're at home over the summer, please continue to come to church. The public worship of Almighty God never ceases—just as the worship around the throne of heaven never ceases.**

**We are certainly meant to get a break from normal activities over the summer, but that doesn't include public worship, which continues, week in, week out.**



## **Prayers for our Parish**



*In the past few weeks we've been concentrating a lot on prayer. We invite you to use these next few pages in your daily devotions. There are many prayer topics here—designed to help those who have a genuine desire to pray for our parish and its people.*

*Here is a way in which we can all play a valuable role in God's work. Will you take up the challenge?*

Pray for our parish and all its people, that through our public worship we may be awakened to the wonder of God's love for us.

Pray that more and more of our people may see the necessity of weekly worship in church with their Christian brothers and sisters.

Pray that our worship may constantly undergo renewal, and that it may never become mere ceremonial observance.

Pray for our Rector, who has the cure of souls in the parish, and who requires your prayers in order to adequately perform his role.

Pray for all those who lead the worship, especially the Rector and David Holmes, that through their own preparation for the task, and in the way which they perform it, they may encourage all our people to worship in spirit and in truth.

Pray for those who take lightly our Lord's command to partake of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and ask that ways may be found to show the importance of participation in this respect.

Pray for Timothy our Organist, and the Choir, that they may always be aware of their high calling, and give of their very best at all times.

Pray that we may be a truly friendly and welcoming parish family, and that no visitor or stranger in church may ever feel alienated or ignored.

Thank God for the spiritual



growth and renewed vision which has gradually come about in our parish, and for the success of every effort to bring us closer to God.

Pray continued spiritual renewal in the life of our parish and all its people, and for the success of every effort to bring us closer to God.

Pray for a willingness to change according to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, in whatever department of parish life that change is required.

Pray for George our Bishop, living in our parish, that he may have strength to manage the daily problems of parishes and people. Pray for his wife Nadine and his children in their daily lives, and in the role to which God has called them all.

Pray for all those who have the care of our young people, especially parents, godparents and guardians. Pray that they may be given strength and motivation to keep the promises made at the baptism of their children, to bring them up in the Christian faith by their prayers, teaching and example.

Pray for the parish Sunday

School, and for teachers Eleanor, Ashley and Angela. Pray that the children may be eager to learn, and the teachers eager to teach the things of God.

Pray for God's guidance as to how he wants our parish to further develop.

Pray that those whom God is calling to work with the young may be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and offer their services in love and sacrifice.

Pray for Doagh primary School, Kilbride Central Primary School, Tildarg Primary School, the Thompson Primary School, and other schools around the parish, that the family atmosphere may continue, and that teacher-pupil relationships may flourish.

Pray for members of the Select Vestry, elected and appointed to look after the fabric, furnishings and finance of the parish, that they may use the gifts of God to carry out their work to his glory and to the benefit of all people.

Pray for each and every home in our parish, that they may be images of God's kingdom. Ask God's blessing on families—on every man, woman and child, and pray for the maintenance of family life.

Pray for all those struggling with an ever-widening of family problems, that they may have strength and guidance to overcome them.

Ask God's special blessing on those families which are broken and divided, and pray that their members may still be united in the family of our parish.

Remember those who live alone, both senior citizens and younger people, that they too may feel part of the family of God in the Parish of Kilbride, and share the love of a family.

Ask God's continued blessings on the development of the Healing Ministry within our parish family, that more people may realise the important role they can play by praying for those who are ill, especially together in church once a month.

Pray for the sick and suffering; those who are anxious or depressed; the housebound; the lonely; those who mourn the loss of loved ones, those suffering from Coronavirus, and all in special need of God's healing blessings. Pray that they may be granted healing of body, mind and spirit, and the awareness of God's comforting presence at all times.

Pray for all parish volunteer workers, in whatever capacity, that they may perform their function with enthusiasm and cheerfulness, and that we may never take their work for granted.



Thank God for all the faithful souls who have lived, worked and died in our parish, and who have worshipped him in our parish church. Thank him for the founders of St Bride's Church, and for those who allowed our beautiful church to be built.

Thank God for allowing us the privilege of worshipping him and witnessing for him in our parish, and thank him for our fellow-parishioners, and for the sense of fellowship which exists among us.

Pray for the vital work of Environmental Stewardship which exists within the parish, that we may willingly adhere to the principles of our Environmental Policy and encourage others to join the cause.

Thank God for all in Holy Orders who have served our parish in times past, and especially for the Revd Paul Redfern, the Revd Colin Hall-Thompson, the Revd Clyde Irvine, and the Revd Roy Cox, former rectors of our parish.



Pray for a greater sense of peace in our land, and for an end of hatred and sectarianism.

Ask God how we, as individuals and as a parish, can best make our contribution permanent and lasting peace, and a greater understanding of our beliefs and cultures.

Ask forgiveness for our part in the bitterness of our society, and pray for the visible unity of the whole Christian Church, which we know to be our Lord's will.

Pray for other churches within our parish; the congregation at Kilbride Presbyterian Church and at Doagh Methodist Church, and the Christian group meeting in the Torrens Hall.

Pray for local councillors, other local leaders, and all who have a voice in the community, that words may never be spoken hastily or without thought.

Pray for the members of the PSNI, that they may always work for a greater sense of trust with the public.

Pray for the members of the security forces, magistrates, and all connected with Law and Order.

Pray for all MLAs and all who represent our people in public office.

Pray for the love of Christ in the hearts of all our people.

***So there's the list, now let's get cracking! We don't have to pray for everybody every day, but in the course of several weeks, we should be able to make good use of these topics in our prayers to the Almighty.***

***You can, of course, add other topics connected with the parish. Tell us about them, so that we can pray too!***



# RECTOR IN A TRACTOR

It was privilege to welcome the Rev. William Orr to St Bride's on a morning in June.

It was the last day of his marathon journey around Northern Ireland, visiting every Church of Ireland parish and almost every church in the process! He was collecting for SANDS and the building fund for his church, St Mark's, Portadown.

A work party of parishioners from St Bride's was there to welcome him and wish him safe travelling on the final leg of his long journey.



*William with some of St Bride's workers.*

## **WORKING HARD FOR SEVERAL CHARITIES**

**Here is Joshua, hard at work! He wanted to help the people in Ukraine, and has been making keyrings, crochet bracelets and painted flag pebbles to raise money.**

Over the last two years he has coped with the changes and worry of the pandemic by thinking of ways to help, by painting hearts for the NHS, and cycling 100 laps of the park, inspired by Captain Tom. He raised over £200! His big brother Matt also raised money for RSPB and cancer charities through making bookmarks and completing a swimathon.

Joshua is the grandson of Pat Maxwell, who sings in our choir. If anyone wishes to donate and request keyrings, Grandma Pat will be proud to take orders! Well done, Joshua!





## **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**



**The Rector and his party have recently returned from Israel after another spiritual journey to Jerusalem and the Galilee. Their pilgrimage lasted eleven days, and included such places as the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, Wadi Qelt, Jericho, the Dead Sea, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, and many more.**

**A pilgrimage is planned every year, and we usually travel in May, which will be the time of the pilgrimage in 2023. On this next pilgrimage, the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rt Revd George Davison, will be travelling with us.**

**Following in the footsteps of Jesus and many other Biblical characters is a spiritually rewarding experience which we would commend to all. Should you wish to go on pilgrimage, do speak to the Rector, who will be happy to advise you further, and collect a brochure, which will be available soon.**

## WHY GOD MADE DOGS AND CATS

A newly discovered chapter in the Book Genesis has provided the answer to "Where do pets come from?" It runs:

And Adam said, "Lord, when I was in the garden, you walked with me every day. Now I do not see you any more. I am lonely here and it is difficult for me to remember how much you love me."

And God said, "No problem! I will create a companion for you that will be with you for ever and who will be a reflection of my love for you, so that you will love me even when you cannot see me. Regardless of how selfish or childish or unlovable you may be, this new companion will accept you as you are and will love you as I do, in spite of yourself."

And God created a new animal to be a companion for Adam. And it was a good animal. And



God was pleased. And the new animal was pleased to be with Adam and he

wagged his tail.

And Adam said, "Lord, I have already named all the animals in the kingdom and I cannot think of a name for this new animal.

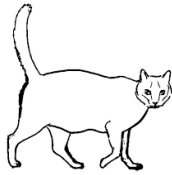
And God said, "No problem! Because I have created this new animal to be a reflection of my love for you, his name will be a reflection of my own name, and you will call him DOG."

And Dog lived with Adam and was a companion to him and loved him. And Adam was comforted. And God was pleased, and saw that it was good. And Dog was content and wagged his tail.

After a while, it came to pass that Adam's guardian angel came to the Lord and said, "Lord, Adam has become filled with pride. He struts and preens like a peacock and he believes he is worthy of adoration. Dog has indeed taught him that he is loved, but perhaps too well."

And God said, "No problem! I will create for him a companion who will be with him for ever and who will see him as he is. The companion will remind him of his limitations, so he will know that he is not always worthy of adoration."

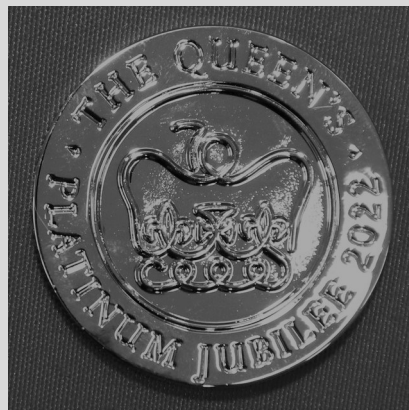




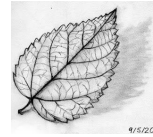
And God created CAT to be a companion to Adam. And Cat would not obey Adam. And when Adam gazed into Cat's eyes, he was reminded that he was not the supreme being. And Adam learned humility.

And God was pleased and saw that it was good. And Adam was greatly improved. And Dog was happy and wagged his tail. And Cat didn't give a hoot one way or the other.

**During the Platinum Jubilee Eucharist the Rector distributed beautiful medals to the children. The medals were given by the Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council, and we were very pleased to obtain some of these for the parish. We hope that the children will treasure the medals, keep them safe, and pass them on to their own children and grandchildren when the time comes.**



# ECO CORNER

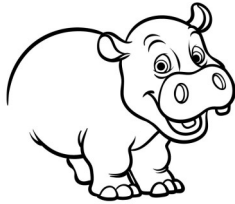


## EASY WAYS OF SAVING WATER

**By thinking carefully about your water use in the home and changing some water-wasting habits, it is easy to save water.**

- Θ Vegetables and fruit should be washed in a bowl rather than under a running tap, and the leftover water can be used for watering house plants.
- Θ Use the minimum amount of water required when you boil water in saucepans and kettles; that way, you'll save energy as well as water.
- Θ Try not to leave the tap running while you brush your teeth, shave, or wash your hands, as this can waste up to 5 litres of water per minute.
- Θ A 5 minute shower uses about a third of the water of a bath. But remember that power showers can use more water than a bath in less than 5 minutes!
- Θ Old toilet cisterns can use as much as 9 litres of clean water every flush. Reduce this by placing a 'hippo' in the cistern.
- Θ Water your garden in the cool of the early morning or evening. This will reduce the amount of water lost to evaporation.
- Θ Collect rain water in water-butts and use a watering can instead of a hose. If you must use a hosepipe, fit a trigger nozzle to control the flow.
- Θ Lawns can survive long periods of dry weather if the grass is not cut too short. Even if the grass turns brown, it will quickly recover after a few days of rain.

## SAVE WATER WITH A HIPPO



Hippo the Water Saver is the simple, proven and low cost water saving device to help

conserve water in toilet cisterns. The typical family uses 70% of their water in the bathroom, with toilet flushing accounting for 30% of the household water use. Every time a toilet is flushed the Hippo not only saves up to 3 litres of water, but it will also reduce your carbon footprint and save you money.

The carbon footprint of unheated water is relatively small, around 0.003 kg per litre. However over time and multiplied by millions of households, the savings can be quite significant.

There are estimated to be in excess of 45 million toilets in the UK, using 2 billion litres of water every day and only around a tenth of these are water-efficient models using 6 litres of water or less. The average toilet uses around 9 litres of water per flush and 1.64 kg CO<sub>2</sub> would be saved per year by fitting a Hippo the Water Saver.

Collectively in the UK this could save around 600 million litres of water a day and over 65 million kg (or 65,000 tonnes) of CO<sub>2</sub> each year (source - green thing wiki).

We probably all use water without considering the carbon emissions associated with its supply, disposal and heating. Staggering as it may seem, this accounts for five percent of the UK's carbon emissions and equals that of all UK aviation traffic.

Waterwise's research showed that the energy used to pump, treat and heat the water in the average family home in one year produces the carbon equivalent of a return flight from London to New York.

Many toilets will flush just as effectively with less water. By putting Hippos into your cisterns you can reduce the amount flushed away and for those on a metered supply this means a significant and sustained saving on water and your water bills.

Search for water hippos on the web. If you can't get one, ask the Rector to take a look.



**PHOTOS TAKEN AT THE  
GRAND PLATINUM  
JUBILEE FÊTE.**

**HAPPY MEMORIES!**